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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 28, 2009

10:00 A.M.

1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Chair
3. Funding Status — Informational
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5—12)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — November 20, 2008
- *6. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *7. Forest Conservation Program, Statewide N/A
- To consider modifying the grant cycle for the Forest Conservation Program. As initially approved, project applications are accepted and reviewed in January and June. Staff proposes to change this grant cycle to a continuous process whereby project applications are accepted and reviewed on a continuous basis consistent with all other WCB grant programs.
- *8. Clear Lake Conservation Area, Lake County N/A
- To consider the acceptance of a donation from Lake County Watershed Protection District of a Conservation Easement over six real properties totaling 31± acres to protect a historic wetland habitat, located approximately two and one-half miles northwest of the community of Nice, in Lake County.
- *9. Lower Klamath River Fishing Access, Del Norte County \$101,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the American Fishing Foundation to establish a floating boat dock at the Roy Rook public boat launching facility, located on the western edge of the community of Klamath Glen, in Del Norte County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the planning and construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]
- *10. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, Public Access Facilities, Humboldt County \$126,652.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Friends of the Dunes to develop a public parking area and accessible public restroom facilities at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, located immediately to the north of the community of Manila, in Humboldt County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the planning and construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]
- *11. Avocado Lake Public Fishing Area Operating Agreement, Fresno County \$176.00
- This proposal is to consider the allocation for Department of General Services review costs for a new 30-year Operating Agreement with the

County of Fresno to operate and maintain the Avocado Lake Fishing Area, which is partially owned by the Department of Fish and Game, located 5± miles east of the City of Fresno, in Fresno County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the planning, development and management of public access facilities for hunting, fishing, and wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, (Minor Capital Outlay)]

- *12. Santee Lakes Fishing Piers, \$52,768.00
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Padre Dam Municipal Water District to replace two aging fishing piers at the Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve, located in the City of Santee in San Diego County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the planning and construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]

13. DFG Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement Projects, \$1,061,000.00
Siskiyou, Butte, Glenn, Merced, and San Joaquin Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game's comprehensive wetland habitat program to enhance 1,583± acres of wetland habitat, restore 95± acres of wetland habitat and 4± acres of riparian habitat on six separate DFG-owned properties (Butte Valley Wildlife Area, Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Woodbridge Ecological Reserve, Los Banos Wildlife Area and Volta Wildlife Area), located in Butte, Glenn, Merced, San Joaquin and Siskiyou Counties. The proposed funding source for this project allows for restoration and enhancement of wetland habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d) (Inland Wetlands Conservation Program) and (Wetland Outside the Central Valley)]

14. South Bonnyview Fishing Access Improvements, \$45,000.00
Shasta County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Redding for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the Department of Boating and Waterways to complete engineering for final design and permitting, to construct a barrier-free path and fishing platform and refurbish the existing parking lot and restroom, located on the right bank of the Sacramento River, at the DFG-owned South Bonnyview Fishing Access, in the City of Redding, in Shasta County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the planning and construction of

public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]

15. San Joaquin Multi-Species Conservation Plan (2006), \$30,000.00
Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant and approval of a subgrant of the federal funds to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy to be applied toward the acquisition of one or more properties identified in the federal grant and the subgrant agreement to help implement the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan by protecting critical wildlife corridors and habitat for threatened and endangered species, in San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)]

16. North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Gadwall Unit, \$560,000.00
Merced County

To consider the acquisition of 133± acres to protect historic wetlands and improve distribution of waterfowl within the Grassland area by the addition of wetland habitat located near the City of Los Banos, in Merced County. The proposed funding source allows for the protection of inland wetlands to benefit waterfowl. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786 (d)(Inland Wetland Conservation Program)]

17. Tulare Basin Wetland Enhancement, \$451,000.00
Kern County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with landowners and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance 815± acres of wetland habitat on three separate privately-owned properties and 429± acres of wetland habitat on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Kern National Wildlife Refuge, located west of the City of Delano in Kern County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for restoration and enhancement of wetland habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d) (Inland Wetland Conservation Program)]

18. Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Public Access Bridge, Augmentation and Fund Shift, Orange County \$200,000.00

To consider the allocation for an augmentation to the California Wildlife Foundation and a fund shift for a previously approved cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, The Bolsa Chica Conservancy, and the Amigos de Bolsa Chica, to install a public access bridge near Warner Avenue, across the outer channel of the existing Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, in Huntington Beach, Orange County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]

19. Resolutions

20. Closed Session N/A

The Board may meet in closed executive session pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) to discuss pending litigation, *Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley v. California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board, et al.*, Riverside County, Fourth District Court of Appeal, Case No. E045894 (Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC477696) (California Environmental Quality Act).